

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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TELECOM SCHEMES FOR RURAL AND TRIBAL AREAS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of various telecom schemes introduced for rural and tribal areas in the country during the last three years ;
- (b) whether these schemes are not being implemented properly for the benefit of these areas; and
- (c) the measures taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to implement these schemes properly ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) Targets and achievements of various telecom schemes in the country during the last three years in rural and tribal areas are given in Annexure-I (enclosed).

(b) & (c): No Sir. The Government is committed to provide one telephone in each village the country by March, 2002 with the joint efforts of Fixed Service Providers. Wireless in Local Loop(WLL) and CDOT TDMA/PMP technologies are being introduced to provide VPTs and to meet scattered demand of telephones in rural & tribal areas.

Annexure-I

(a) The Targets and Achievements of various telecom schemes introduced for Rural areas in the country during the last three years are as given below

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No.	Item	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000			
	Targets	Achievement	Targets	Achievement	Targets	Achievement	
1.	Telephone Exchanges			1385	1450	2000	2293
2.	Switching Capacity (GL)	1800000	1800000 (GL)	1520000 (NL)	1505752 (NL)	1959500 (NL)	1979941 (NL)
3.	Direct Exchange Lines			844000	1003013	1273700	1411259
4.	Village Public Telephones	83000	42855	45000	37058	45136	33965

+ No separate target was fixed for these items during 1997-98

NOTE: GL= Gross lines, NL= Net Lines

(b) The Targets and Achievements of various telecom schemes introduced for Tribal areas in the country during the last three years

are as given below:

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No.	Item	1997-98 Targets	1998-99 Achievement	1999-2000 Targets	Achievement	Targets	Achievement
1.	Telephone Exchanges	100	114	120	138	160	327
2.	Switching Capacity	125000	196297	200000	258000	266000	419564
3.	Direct Exchange Lines	100000	161384	160000	175121	200000	305905
4.	Village Public Telephones	13500	5316	13000	5006	10000	4963
5.	Transmission Systems (RKM)s	1500	1697	1500	1425	1500	1733
6.	Satellite Stations	20	03	61	68	73	49